

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rapier, III

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For: **WASTE CONTAINER WITH HIDDEN SLIDES**

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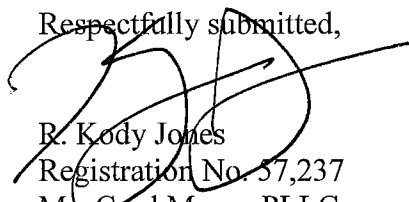
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in the interview of 2 November 2007. In that interview, applicant explained that Figures 8 and 8a (Group X of the restriction of 4 August 2005) were computer-aided design images showing perspective views of trays similar to the freehand sketch of Figure 1 (Group I, as elected in the restriction). Thus, applicant expressed concerns that the restriction of Group I and Group X may have been improper. Applicant also noted that the response to this requirement was prepared by a prior attorney of record.

The Office indicated that because structural detail of the slide systems of Figures 8 and 8a (e.g., detail similar to Figure 4 of Group I) was not visible, a determination as to specific structural similarities between the claimed invention and Figures 8 and 8a could not be made. The Office also expressed its belief that the instant claims would not be precluded from reading on a trash can system using trays as shown in Figures 8 and 8a in combination with the claimed slide structure.

Respectfully submitted,



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